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## Bowl Bound

UCF set to take on defensive-minded Mississippi State on Dec. 29 — SEE SPORTS, A8



## Dance dance

Capoeira Club at UCF practices the Brazilian martial art

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### AUCTIONS

## ALCOHOL BIDDERS ANONYMOUS

A bottle of 81-year-old Scotch sold for \$54,000 at New York's first liquor auction since Prohibition. An anonymous collector bought the bottle at Christie's sale of wines and spirits on Saturday. The 100-lot auction sold a total of \$304,800 worth of rare wine and liquor. The \$54,000 bottle was distilled in 1926.



### RECORDS

## GOOD SAMARITAN THROWN INTO RECORD



Matthew McKnight now holds the Guinness Book World Record for "Greatest Distance Thrown in a Car Accident." The 29-year-old set the record after he was thrown 118 feet by a car that hit him while traveling about 70 mph. He was struck while trying to help accident victims along an interstate in Pennsylvania.

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## GUNMAN OPENS FIRE IN MISSIONARY CENTER, KILLING 2

A gunman walked into a training center dormitory for young Christian missionaries early Sunday and opened fire, killing two of the center's staff members and wounding two others at around 12:30 a.m.

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### TODAY'S WEATHER

PATCHY FOG  
82° 63°  
HIGH LOW

### FALL 2007 GRADUATION



Students attend a commencement ceremony in 2003 at the old UCF Arena. Starting this week, students will instead attend graduation in the 10,000-seat New UCF Arena.

# THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES

About 3,700 students to receive UCF degrees

PENNY JACKSON  
Contributing Writer

UCF will bid adieu to thousands of its students this week at the fall 2007 commencement ceremonies.

On Friday and Saturday, the last class of 2007 will be the first to graduate from the New UCF Arena. The graduates will also be wearing brand-new embroidered gowns to complement the venue.

More than 3,700 UCF students expect to graduate during the three ceremonies, according to *UCF News & Information*. UCF will award about 3,029 bachelor's degrees, 626 master's degrees, 11 specialist degrees and 80 doctoral degrees.

Last week, the soon-to-be graduates stood in long lines at the new Barnes & Noble Bookstore, eager to pick up their caps and gowns. The gowns now have a higher-quality fabric, and the traditional Pegasus logo is embroidered on the left breast of the gown.

Along with their graduation outfits, students received a package from the Alumni Association. A 2007 grad T-shirt and a free year of membership to the Alumni Association were included in the package along with other information graduates might find useful.

Although the graduates will no longer be UCF students, the university will continue to help them find their way through life. UCF's Career Services will hold a Spring Career Expo to help graduates get started on their paths in the real world. Information on jobs and graduate school will be available.

There will be two ceremonies on



Students, in caps and gowns, sit at a 2003 graduation. One student wrote on the top of her cap: "Finally, I did it."

Friday and one on Saturday.

Two people who will be walking across the stage this week sat down with the *Future* to discuss their experiences at UCF and their plans after graduation.

**Graduate:** Mel Johnson  
**Major:** Hospitality Management

**Motto:** "Don't sweat the small stuff — take it in stride."

Mel Johnson enrolled at UCF after completing his first tour in Iraq, where he served his country as a paratrooper and an infantryman.

From 2001 until 2004, Johnson's priority was to "find the enemy, protect local Iraqis, make them trust America and show them that we're here to help them."

Johnson said he is set apart from other graduates because of the time he spent in the military and in Iraq. "I think I was more committed to excelling

when I got to UCF," Johnson said.

He said he wanted to take advantage of every opportunity the university made available to him, and he didn't understand it when his classmates complained about class lasting too long.

"For three years, I was in the middle of the desert getting shot at," Johnson said, "and you're complaining about sitting in a comfortable classroom all day?"

He enjoyed his experience at UCF but said it would have been hard to get through college without financial support.

"I used the Montgomery G.I. Bill, and it was a tremendous help," Johnson said.

Not only did the Bill help him to pay for tuition, but it covered his rent as well.

Johnson said he believes that serving in the military gave him a different perspective on life than most students.

"It taught me the value of hard work and integrity," Johnson said, "that people can come together and achieve

PLEASE SEE **SUCCESS** ON A6



Johnson

## Counseling program addresses suicide

JACKIE GILOVOY  
Contributing Writer

The UCF Counseling Center is working to put a stop to what has been proven to be the second leading cause of death among college students: suicide.

Five UCF students have received medical attention this year as a result of trying to take their own lives, according to police records.

The Counseling Center saw 899 students from the beginning of the semester until Dec. 6, said David L. Wallace, director of the Counseling Center. "And 150 of those, almost 17 percent, reported having current or recent thoughts of suicide at the time of their initial visit," Wallace said.



The "Question, Persuade, Refer" program at the UCF Counseling Center deals with the warning signs of suicide, the second leading cause of death among college students.

Since the summer of 2006, the Counseling Center has been working with faculty and students in a program called "Question, Persuade, Refer." The program

addresses the proper way to respond to someone who may be suicidal.

According to UCF Police Department records, 35 students have been Baker Acted

since January 2007.

The Baker Act is a Florida statute that gives police officers, mental health professionals and doctors permission to hospitalize for up to 72 hours anyone they deem dangerous to themselves or others.

"Our Baker Acts seem to be down this year," said Jeff Novak, associate director of Housing and Residence Life.

Suicide is the second leading cause of death among college students, but it's also the most preventable, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The leading cause is any kind of accident, including traffic, drug or alcohol-related accidents.

PLEASE SEE **SUICIDES** ON A7

## DUI charges follow hit-run

Explorer hits car, leaves scene twice

MEGAN SPEER  
Staff Writer

A Michigan man was arrested and taken to jail Thursday after the Ford Explorer he was driving hit a UCF student's car at Alafaya Trail and Science Drive and fled the scene — twice.

Julie Bitter, a senior forensic science major, said she was leaving her boyfriend's apartment on Science Drive and was stopped in the left turning lane at Alafaya Trail in her Mustang when the white, four-door Ford Explorer slammed into her.

"I was going home to write personal statements for grad school and not getting there," she said.

The Explorer, screeching and shooting sparks, drove down the road. A crowd of witnesses had gathered on the sidewalk next to Science Drive when the Explorer turned around and came back toward Alafaya. The group moved farther off the sidewalk to avoid being hit as the Explorer, still sparking and smelling like chemicals and burning rubber, passed and turned right onto Alafaya, narrowly missing a car that was waiting at the light.

The driver of the Explorer, 42-year-old Lee Bufton of Michigan, was arrested in connection with the accident Thursday night and charged with driving under the influence and leaving the scene of

PLEASE SEE **WOMAN** ON A7

## Board allots tuition money

DONALD THOMANN  
Staff Writer

The Florida Board of Governors outlined at its meetings Thursday and Friday how the money taken in from next semester's 5 percent tuition increase will be distributed throughout Florida's university system.

In September, the BOG mandated a 5 percent tuition increase for all Florida universities in spite of a lawsuit currently underway to determine whether or not they have the right to do so.

Of the more than \$9 million brought in by that increase, about \$2 million is being allocated to need-based financial aid, with a similar amount being used to maintain and increase course selection offerings.

All of the money that UCF

PLEASE SEE **SECURITY** ON A3



Rosenberg



## AROUND CAMPUS

News and notices for the UCF community

### Collective bargaining meeting Friday

The Office of Provost and Executive Vice President will hold its next collective bargaining meeting Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Room 212 of the Computer Science Building. The meeting is between the University of Central Florida Board of Trustees and the United Faculty of Florida.

### Radio Club meeting Friday

Mechanical, Materials & Aerospace Engineering will hold an Amateur Radio Club meeting Friday from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Room 456A of the Engineering Building. The meetings help students get a radio license, talk around the world, build antennas and much more.

### Rosen holds multicultural event

The Rosen College of Hospitality Management will be holding the first annual Seasons of Traditions Saturday from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Rosen campus. The event is a multicultural celebration of Christmas, Diwali, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa and will highlight the 19 countries representing the the Rosen College faculty members. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for children 12 and under.

## LOCAL & STATE

Keep local with headlines you may have missed

### Space shuttle launch off until January due to fuel gauge problems

CAPE CANAVERAL — NASA on Sunday delayed the launch of space shuttle *Atlantis* until January after a gauge in the fuel tank failed for the second time in four days.

With only a few days remaining in the launch window for the shuttle's mission to the international space station, senior managers decided to stand down until next month in hopes of better understanding the perplexing and persistent fuel gauge problem.

Whether *Atlantis* can fly as early as Jan. 2 "is all going to depend on what we find out," he said.

The trouble with the fuel gauge resurfaced just before sunrise Sunday, about an hour after the launch team began filling *Atlantis'* big external tank for an afternoon liftoff.

Shuttle managers had said they would halt the countdown and call everything off if any of the four hydrogen fuel gauges acted up. Three failed during Thursday's launch attempt; no one knows why.

Launch director Doug Lyons said Sunday's failure was similar to what happened before, except only one gauge malfunctioned this time.

NASA quickly established an engineering team to come up with ideas on how to pinpoint and fix the problem, which has bedeviled NASA off and on for the past two years. The engineers will report back to Cain and other managers on Tuesday.

Most inspections and repairs could be carried out at the launch pad.

If the shuttle has to be returned to its hangar for more invasive work, there will be no hope of launching in early January, Cain said.

NASA had until Thursday to launch *Atlantis* with the European Space Agency's space station laboratory, *Columbus*. After that, unfavorable sun angles and computer concerns would make it impossible for the shuttle to fly to the international space station until next month.

Despite objections from some engineers, NASA tightened up its launch rules for Sunday's attempt in hopes of getting *Atlantis* off the ground by the week's end.

Not only did all four of *Atlantis'* fuel gauges have to work on Sunday — until now, only three good gauges were required — a new instrumentation system for monitoring these gauges also had to check out. NASA also shrank its launch window from five minutes to a single minute for added safety.

The troublesome gauges,

PLEASE SEE LOCAL ON A4

## Capoeira Club devoted to Brazilian martial art

REID TUCKER  
Contributing Writer

Several people stood in a loose circle, called a roda, around two men, clapping and chanting to a rhythmic beat.

William Mason and Chris Bodenhamer began to sway to the rising tempo of the chants, shifting their stances and shuffling their feet. Their arms, held perpendicularly to their bodies, rocked back and forth as they locked eyes. The drums thumped louder as the two began a round of Capoeira, the martial art known as "the dance of war."

Bodenhamer cartwheeled to the right, avoiding a straight knee from Mason, and then went into a handstand, which he held for a moment before launching a flurry of kicks.

The men were only sparring, but if this was a real fight, the inches between Bodenhamer's kicks and Mason's body would have been non-existent, and Mason would have been sent sprawling.

For the members of the Capoeira Club at UCF, this isn't a hobby. It's life.

"Capoeira changed my life," Bodenhamer said. "For everyone who does it, it becomes part of their life."

Bodenhamer was injured when he was a gymnast, which prevented him from continued participation in gymnastics. When he came to UCF nine months ago, he saw a Capoeira demonstration and said he was intrigued by its flowing handstand-to-roundhouse-kick transitions and explosive strikes.

"I still wanted to do something with my gymnastics background," he said, "and Capoeira was completely different from any other martial art I'd ever seen."

Capoeira doesn't rely on rigid stances or repetitions like many other, more conventional martial arts. Instead, it has an acrobatic and flowing aesthetic that looks like a dance to the untrained observer. Bodenhamer said that was just the idea behind the art.

Capoeira originated centuries ago among the slaves of colonial Brazil, who hid their martial art in dance and song. To further prevent their masters from discovering the secrets of their martial art, the names of Capoeira practitioners were hidden through nicknames that indicated a practitioner's personal style or personality.

Capoeiristas, those trained in the art, were so feared by the Brazilian government that practicing Capoeira was illegal until 1932.

Capoeira first appeared on the U.S. scene in the early 1970s, and since then, its membership base has swelled well beyond the African subculture from which it originated.

The Capoeira Club at UCF has been officially incorporated for two years and meets behind the Barbara Ying Center on Mondays at 6:30 p.m.

The club's faculty adviser, Tim Wilson, said he got into Capoeira after many years as a practitioner of Aikido and Shotokan Karate.

"To me, it's a balance of the mental, physical and spiritual aspects of life," Wilson said. "It helps me meet challenges I never thought I could."

Wilson said that in the past semesters, the club has made tremendous progress in terms of what it is able to do.

Bodenhamer said that when he became president, the club had "eight members and a boom box."

Now, membership has tripled, and the club has its own set of the musical instruments needed to keep the beat in the roda. The Student Government Association funding allows the club to participate in more of the cultural aspects of Capoeira, he said.

Another feature available to the club is access to a local Capoeira school, Capoeira Brazilian Pelourinho, considered to be among the best Capoeira schools in Florida.

Roberto Armien, 27, a graduate student of the school, has advanced to the rank of formado, a first-level teacher at the school.

Armien, who founded the Capoeira Club at UCF two years ago, teaches the club's current members at his school. He said that getting the club incorporated within SGA was more difficult than he thought because, at that time, SGA didn't want any of its martial arts



Top: Chris Bodenhamer, president of the Capoeira Club at UCF, demonstrates some of the acrobatic moves common to the Brazilian martial art. Above: William Mason and Daniel Standbury stage an impromptu roda sparring match before a crowd of onlookers at one of the club's Wednesday demo sessions in front of the Student Union.

clubs associated with outside schools.

Eventually, SGA approved the club's incorporation. Armien said the main advantage of this is that club members have the rights and privileges associated with being a school member, meaning they can participate in all of the school's training sessions and graduation tests.

"Not too many clubs have the kind of access to master-level practitioners like the Capoeira Club does," Armien said.

The club offers more than just martial arts training, Capoeira instructor Brian Schmidt said.

He said that one of the main draws to the club is the fun, family atmosphere and the opportunity to play exotic instruments, learn some Portuguese and sharpen up on dance moves. He said that this is what brings Capoeiristas together.

Capoeira schools have sprung up across America, and now they appear in places as far away as Belgium and Germany.

Schmidt said the club at UCF is representative of these developments, with participating members from various ethnic backgrounds, as well as different age groups.

"It brings people from all different levels of society together," Schmidt said. "You meet people that you would never have met otherwise."

It was this community atmosphere that recently attracted a new Capoeirista to his first club meeting.

Freshman Ross Arena said that he found it easy to approach the more experienced members of the club to ask their help in pulling some of the more complex moves. Arena said that he "already felt connected" to the other club members.

"I feel like I actually learned something today," Arena said.

Capoeira isn't all fun and games, though. After all, it was banned in Brazil because of its role in slave uprisings and violent crimes. Armien said that in spite of the dancing and singing, it's not to be taken lightly.

"Capoeira is a practical martial art," Armien said. "It can be used for self defense like any other martial art; it's just that Capoeira also teaches you a lot of skills you don't get anywhere else."

After a few breathless minutes inside the roda, Mason and Bodenhamer slapped hands, walked out and rejoined the circle. Another pair was ushered in to begin their own "dance of war." This usually continues until every person has gone against every other person, but it was cold, and the roda was cut short after about 30 minutes.

Mason mopped the sweat off his forehead as the twang of the berimbau, one of the instruments used to keep up the tempo in the roda, reverberated in the night air. He was breathing hard, but he was smiling big.

"Capoeira is a great deal like life," Mason said. "You don't know what's coming at you; all you can do is react and enjoy."

## LOCAL WEATHER



**Today**  
PATCHY  
FOG  
High: 82°  
Low: 63°

### TODAY IN DETAIL

Today: Patchy fog before 9 a.m. Otherwise, mostly sunny. East-northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.  
Tonight: Patchy fog after 1 a.m. Otherwise, partly cloudy. East-northeast wind around 5 mph.



**Tuesday**  
SUNNY  
High: 82°  
Low: 62°  
**Wednesday**  
MOSTLY SUNNY  
High: 81°  
Low: 61°

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# UCF tech fee amount up to Trustees, not students

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The Board of Governors met to discuss the spring semester tuition increase in the Live Oaks Ballroom Thursday.

Student Body President Brandie Hollinger attended, discontented with the new language used in the recently passed technology fee bill, which does not provide for a student referendum.

The bill that was passed on Oct. 26 established "a technology fee of up to 5 percent of the

tuition per credit hour, beginning with the fall term 2009-2010."

In this bill, the fee will be the responsibility of the university Board of Trustees rather than the students.

The language in the technology fee bill that the Student Government Association favors calls for a student referendum that would dictate how much the fee would be.

"Last legislative session, the technology fee was supported by the [Florida Student Association]," Hollinger said. "The

students would decide the technology fee through a [student] referendum selection, which would be facilitated by SGA. If they do not like it, it's killed. If they do like it, it goes to the Board of Trustees where they decide the amount.

"[The bill] got killed in the Higher Education Appropriations Committee around the time when differential tuition was proposed."

Vice President of University Relations Dan Holsenbeck said that the university is opposed to student referendums because

none of the other fees have referendums.

Hollinger explained what she considers an appropriate technology fee and how it should be decided.

"[The fees should be] whatever students are comfortable paying," she said. "We want the technology fee with the language in it, [and] students need to be the ones to decide."

Director of Governmental Affairs Maria Pecoraro said that Gov. Charlie Crist stated that he wanted the student referendum to be adopted during the special session.

Regardless, the new language was passed, and the idea of student referendums was disbanded.

If the SGA's technology fee bill had been passed, half of the technology fee committee would have been appointed by the student body president, while the other half would have been selected by the university president. These people would compose the student referendum and make recommendations in relation to the technology fee.

Pecoraro explained the need for a technology fee.

"The Legislature and the university administration find themselves in a situation in

which tuition isn't going up to support a higher education system, and state support is going down," she said. "[So they impose] a fee to circumvent tuition and get more money from students, because they can't get it from tuition."

Likewise, the technology fee has benefits for the students because it provides advanced technology and improves the students' experience in terms of technology, Pecoraro said.

During the Board of Governors meeting, Chancellor Mark Rosenberg announced there would be a \$1 billion state budget cut before the end of the year and a \$1 billion budget cut before the end of next year, which will amount to a 12 percent base budget cut.

As a result of these budget cuts, more teachers will be laid off, fewer classes will be offered, the cap on freshman enrollment will be reinforced, and an overall enrollment cap would be implemented.

For this reason, Rosenberg offered an apology to the students, faculty and alumni.

According to the language from legislative bill eight, session C, tuition will increase up to 5 percent, making "resident undergraduate tuition for lower-level and upper-level course-

work increase to \$77.39 per credit hour, effective Jan. 1, 2008."

Holsenbeck explained the advantages and reasoning behind the increase.

"[This tuition increase] is absolutely the best thing that can happen to you students," he said. "You get more teachers, library resources and counselors."

Holsenbeck compared the tuition increase to a clearance sale, explaining that the university can't continue to provide higher education while the average is so low.

Reportedly, the national average is \$6,000 a year, while the average in Florida is \$3,200 a year. But this money comes back to the students through financial aid.

"For every dollar, 30 percent goes toward financial aid," Holsenbeck said.

There will be a 5 percent tuition increase in January, and it is expected to change again in September. The tuition will rise according to the consumer price index to compensate for inflation.

But Holsenbeck said that these changes shouldn't happen without input from the student body.

"All the students should have a say," Holsenbeck said. "We all agree on that."

## Security goals unfulfilled

FROM A1

takes in will be divided strictly between both of those items, while other universities have opted to utilize the money to pay for additional teachers and faculty, to enhance student advising, or to be held in reserve in case the state budget cuts dig deeper.

UCF will distribute \$550,000 to need-based financial aid and \$1.1 million to increase course offerings.

The Board also heard a presentation by Chancellor Mark Rosenberg regarding an initiative proposed in January 2005 called "Forward by Design."

Forward By Design is an undertaking of the BOG with the goal of aligning all Florida universities on a single path to success.

The project revolves around recommendations made by the Pappas Consulting Group, brought in to provide an independent assessment of the current structure of the system, in 2006.

"A number of states are using this same statewide, compact approach with great success," said Bill Edmonds, director of communications for the Florida state university system. "The important thing for UCF, for instance, is that the Board of Governors lays out these goals and expectations, and President [John] Hitt and the [UCF] [Board of] Trustees agree on them."

"At that point, everyone is pulling in the same direction. Hitt can go forward in his goals to improve the university, and he and the Board of Governors will be in agreement."

The three overarching goals of the program are to improve institutional and system quality in tandem, to increase the number of baccalaureate degrees awarded statewide and to provide reliable funding.

"Under these broad guidelines, the Board of Governors will decide where it wants



Barnes

UCF and all Florida universities to be three, four or five years out," Edmonds said, "and the individual university boards of trustees will

approve of that, and then we'll all be headed in the same direction."

As a step in this direction, the BOG reviewed the operational efficiencies of individual Florida universities, which were submitted at the request of the Board in July and August.

In a memo written to the Board by UCF Vice President and Chief of Staff Beth Barnes, stated, "Our activities have attempted to ensure that the educational needs of our students come first."

UCF officials took a number of actions toward this goal by reducing spending as much as possible in light of the state budget cuts and the absence of a tuition increase this past semester.

The actions taken in fall included implementing a hiring freeze and increasing class sizes, offering training to more professors in teaching online courses and even reducing routine purchases of office supplies.

The BOG also heard a presentation on the "Go Higher, Florida!" policy recommendations concerning high school-to-college alignment issues and enrollment rates.

The recommendations were drafted by the Go Higher, Florida! task force, which comprises a number of school board officials, including university and community college chancellors, vice chancellors, and community college presidents.

BOG Interim Vice Chancellor Dorothy Minear laid out five recommendations in her presentation to the Board's student affairs committee on Thursday.

Among them was a recommendation that Florida join

the American Diploma Project, an initiative dedicated to raising high school standards and aligning high school expectations with the demands of college and work. Thirty states have already joined the initiative.

"We need to ask, 'What do you need to be able to succeed in the state university system?'" Minear said. "Then it's taking a step further and making sure that students are taking courses they need. The emphasis will not only be on enhancing graduate rates in the K-12 sector, but when they graduate, they have the skills for the next level."

After hearing the presentation, the BOG requested that the five broad recommendations be fleshed out and prepared for implementation in time for their next meeting on Jan. 23 and 24.

Finally, UCF Associate Vice President of Administration and Finance Lee Kernek presented all of the initiatives approved by the UCF Security Task Force earlier this year. The task force was put together in May as a response to the Virginia Tech shootings.

The recommendations call for hiring more police, establishing a reverse 9-1-1 system in which an emergency call would be sent out from the police department in times of emergency, outdoor voice sirens and additional security cameras.

However, the current state of the budget means that many of the goals set by the task force may go unfulfilled. Kernek expressed her frustration with that fact during the presentation.

"The task force reiterated what we said after Virginia Tech," Kernek said. "We need additional sworn officers, additional counselors and we need to be able to purchase redundant notification systems."

"But funding set aside for these systems is not enough for what we have to do. We need that additional funding."

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called engine cutoff sensors, are part of a backup system to prevent the shuttle's main engines from shutting down too late and running without fuel, a potentially catastrophic situation. They have been a source of sporadic trouble ever since flights resumed in 2005 following the *Columbia* tragedy.

Two groups of NASA engineers recommended that the flight be postponed and the fuel gauge system tested, to figure out what might be going on. But they did not oppose a Sunday launch attempt when it came time for the final vote.

Shuttle commander Stephen Frick was deeply involved with the decisions that were made, officials said.

Frick and his six crewmates planned to return to their home base in Houston later Sunday. "We hope everyone gets some well-deserved rest and we will be back to try again when the vehicle is ready to fly," the astronauts said in a prepared statement.

It was another disappointing delay for the European Space Agency, which has been waiting for years for its \$2 billion *Columbus* lab to fly. NASA space station design problems in the 1980s and early 1990s slowed everything down, then Russian troubles and, most recently, the 2003 *Columbia* tragedy stalled the project.

NASA officials said they expect little ripple effect on space station construction.

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## HIGHER EDUCATION

What's in the news at colleges around the country

## Graduate schools improve on preventing Ph.D. dropouts

Academe has gotten used to bad news when it comes to statistics on how many doctoral students actually finish their Ph.D.'s, but a landmark study of doctoral-completion rates has turned up some optimistic results: American universities appear to be getting better at retaining their Ph.D. students.

That is one of the main findings of a new book, *Ph.D. Completion and Attrition*, released today by the Council of Graduate Schools.

The book, which is the first monograph in a series to be published as part of the council's Ph.D. Completion Project, reports that a quarter of doctoral students who entered Ph.D. programs in the 1996-1997 academic year had dropped out by their fifth year of study.

By contrast, students who enrolled in doctoral programs in 2000 had an easier time sticking around past the fourth year. Only 19 percent of them had left by year five, the book says.

Those numbers are significant, said Lewis Siegel, a dean in residence at the council, because most Ph.D. students who abandon their doctoral programs do so before the fifth year.

Graduate schools have been struggling for years to stanch the flow of graduate students who abandon their Ph.D. programs, and the council's data suggest that something has been working. Now the question is, What is that something? Later stages of the Ph.D. Completion Project will try to answer just that.

The new book reports data collected from doctoral programs at about 30 universities over a time span of roughly 10 years. It analyzes the differences between doctoral completion and attrition rates across fields and subfields, and for different institutional types and class sizes. (*The Chronicle* reported on many of the findings that went into the book in July.) Now, having reported those statistics, the council hopes to study how to change them.

In the next stages of the project, which is set to last until 2010, the participating universities will try to test the effects of various strategies and interventions — like increasing the use of mentors, adopting family-friendly policies and modifying admissions practices — on completion and attrition rates.

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## NATION &amp; WORLD

Keep current with headlines from around the globe



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A police car blocks the roadway leading to a youth ministry dormitory on the campus of Faith Bible Church in Arvada, Colo., on Sunday after a gunman opened fire in a dormitory.

## Gunman opens fire in Christian missionary center, killing 2

ARVADA, Colo. — A gunman walked into a training center dormitory for young Christian missionaries early Sunday and opened fire, killing two of the center's staff members and wounding two others.

No arrests had been made by late morning.

The shooting happened at about 12:30 a.m. at the Youth With a Mission center, police spokeswoman Susan Medina said. About 45 people were evacuated from the dormitory in this Denver suburb.

A man and a woman in their mid-20s died, and two men ages 22 and 23 were wounded, Medina said. One of the injured men was in critical condition, said Paul Filidis, a Colorado Springs-based spokesman with Youth With a Mission.

All four of the victims were staff members, Filidis said.

Witnesses told police that the gunman was a 20-year-old white male, wearing a dark jacket and skull cap. He may have glasses or a beard.

## British authorities arrest wife of man accused of faking death

MANCHESTER, England — A woman whose husband is accused of faking his own death in an insurance scam was arrested Sunday upon her return to Britain on suspicion of fraud, police said.

Anne Darwin was arrested at Manchester's airport shortly after arriving from Atlanta, Ga., police said. She had been living in Panama but left that country Wednesday. Authorities said they will likely begin questioning her on Monday.

Her husband, John Darwin, walked into a London police station last week claiming to have amnesia five years after he was believed to have disappeared at sea and declared dead. He was charged on Saturday with life insurance fraud and lying to get a false passport, and was to appear in court Monday.

Police say Darwin masterminded an elaborate fraud to pay off family debts.

Two British newspapers reported Saturday that Anne Darwin told them her husband had spent much of the last five years hiding at home in northeastern England.

Anne Darwin said the couple had tens of thousands of dollars of debts because of the failure of their apartment rental business, the *Daily Mail* and the *Daily Mirror* newspapers said.

The newspapers said Anne Darwin said she had not expected her husband to go through with the plan and genuinely thought he was dead when he disappeared in an apparent canoeing accident in March 2002. But a year later, her husband came knocking at her door, she was quoted as saying.

She said her husband pressured her to keep his reappearance a secret so he could have himself declared dead, the newspapers said. He told her that would allow her to collect \$50,000 in life insurance and lift the burden of her mortgage.

After authorities officially declared him dead, John Darwin moved in with her and hid in a small room reached through a hole in the wardrobe, the papers said. She said the two moved to Panama this year and that her husband was tired of hiding and decided to return to Britain.

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## Roadside bomb kills provincial police chief and 2 guards

BAGHDAD — A roadside bomb struck a convoy carrying the police chief of a predominantly Shiite province south of Baghdad on Sunday, killing him and two of his bodyguards, police said.

It was the latest in a series of assassinations against provincial leaders in the mainly Shiite region south of the capital as militias and other factions battle for control of the area with an eye toward the eventual withdrawal of U.S.-led forces.

The explosion, which occurred in Babil province's capital of Hillah, about 60 miles south of Baghdad, killed Brig. Gen. Qais al-Maamouri and two guards, a local officer said, speaking on condition of anonymity because of security concerns.

Police announced an indefinite curfew and the streets quickly emptied of residents amid fears of arrests and clashes in the wake of the killings.

Two southern provincial governors were killed this summer, Gov. Mohammed Ali al-Hassani of Muthanna and his colleague Gov. Khalil Jalil Hamza in neighboring Qadasiyah province, raising fears of a violent power struggle among Shiite factions in the oil-rich area.

Militants also have targeted local Iraqi government officials to try to intimidate those they accuse of collaborating with the U.S. and Iraqi governments.

Underscoring that danger, the head of the Ninevah provincial council survived an assassination attempt in the northern city of Mosul. A roadside bomb exploded near a car carrying Hisham al-Hamdani, police said. Nobody was wounded in the attack.

## Nawaz Sharif's party to contest Pakistan elections

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's opposition party decided Sunday to run in next month's parliamentary elections, a move could clear the way for other members of Pakistan's largest opposition coalition to participate.

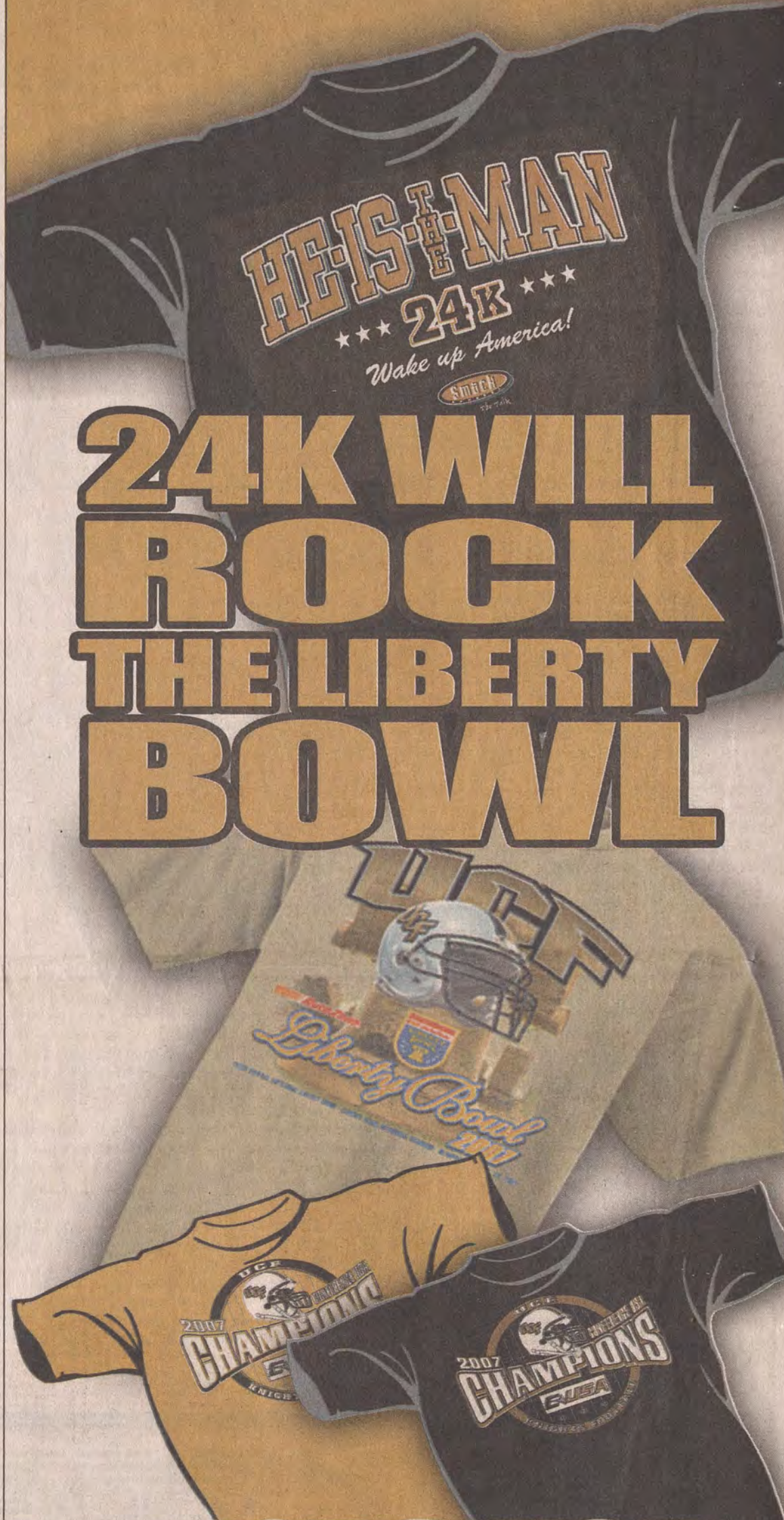
Sharif had threatened to boycott the Jan. 8 ballot, which is supposed to bring democracy back to Pakistan after eight years of military rule, because of President Pervez Musharraf's imposition of a state of emergency on Nov. 3. He and other opposition leaders have argued that the caretaker government, local officials and the judiciary — which has been purged under the emergency — will favor pro-Musharraf candidates.

The All Parties Democratic Movement, the opposition coalition of 33 parties and political groups, met throughout the day in the eastern city of Lahore, but could not agree on a joint position.

The Pakistan People's Party led by former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, which had also threatened a boycott, announced last week that it would participate in the elections.

"Since we could not reach any agreement with People's Party and they are contesting polls, we cannot leave the field open," said Ahsan Iqbal, a spokesman for Sharif's Pakistan Muslim League-N party.

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# Class studies polar bears

Web cams assist students' research

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Students from professor Jane Waterman's animal behavior class traveled to the Arctic to study live polar bears this semester — without ever setting foot off campus.

Students received a hands-on opportunity to research polar bears through camera technology set up in the Biological Sciences Building.

"It was funny because students would come in their T-shirts and flip-flops to monitor the polar bears in minus 15 degrees Fahrenheit weather," Waterman said.

Through hydrogen fuel-powered cameras mounted on top of a small tower in Churchill, a town on the Hudson Bay in Canada, students were able to monitor, take photos and record videos of the polar bear population from the first week in October until the third week in November.

During this time period, the bears wait for the sea ice to freeze, because they can only reproduce and feed in that condition.

Every year in June, polar bears are forced onto land because the sea ice melts, and the bears live off their body fat until November comes around again.

Ian Sterling of the Canadian Wildlife Service recently found that the sea ice is melting three weeks earlier than usual.

"The population is declining, probably quite rapidly," Waterman said. "Three weeks is a lot to miss for feeding. [The polar bears] are kind of the poster child of the effect of global warming right now."

Waterman began her research in 1994, studying the behavior of polar bears. This semester, she used her knowl-

## POLAR BEARS — FUN FACTS

- Polar bears are built to stay so warm in their cold habitat that sometimes they overheat, and have to cool off in the chilly water.
- Polar bears can see well underwater, spotting potential meals 15 feet away.
- A patient hunter, a polar bear will wait hours for a seal to emerge from an air hole in the ice.
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edge of polar bears to train 50 students in her animal behavior class on how to do research.

Waterman taught the basic biology of polar bears to the class before introducing them to the research.

"I had to educate them," Waterman said. "Some of them got into it, and some of them didn't, and that part was up to them, how much they wanted to get out of it."

The students collected behavioral data, and at the end of the semester, the teaching assistant presented the analysis to the class on the last lecture day.

"You know how you're an undergrad and everybody shows you these final products all the time," Waterman said. "You don't know how [the data] was collected; you're just expected to memorize it."

"I don't want that in my class. I want people to think. I want people to understand science, and so I got them to do science."

Students were required to do a minimum of three hours of research on the cameras, but Waterman said many students did more than that.

Students were expected to answer two questions: "Why has the population declined so rapidly in a short period of time?" and "Does human presence influence polar bear behavior?"

To do this, students collected the spatial and behavioral patterns of the polar bears and recorded the data every 15 minutes.

For a period of about a week, tourists visited the area, and students were able to observe how the polar bears reacted to humans.

"This year, having 50 research assistants in my class was great," Waterman said. "Overall, the feedback has been really positive, and I think [the students] were really excited about it."

Senior biology major Katie O'Keefe said she thought the project was a great idea.

"It was just such a cool project to be able to do, because we never get to do any research in any of our classes," O'Keefe said.

Senior biology major Diana Silva agreed.

"It was my first time doing anything like that," Silva said. "It was a very unique experience; not too many students get to do that."

Only the students in Waterman's animal behavior class conducted research. Next year, Waterman won't be teaching the class, but she will be looking for biology student volunteers to help.

Waterman also said she hopes to expand the data collection internationally. Some zoos in Germany and Australia have shown interest in helping with the project.

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# Program provides health service for Hispanics

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With the help of a UCF alumnus, Central Florida Hispanics are learning how to enrich their lives even while dealing with a chronic disease.

Michael Dorta graduated from UCF in May with a bachelor's degree in social work and began working with Cuidate, a special program at Florida Hospital East Orlando. Cuidate teaches people how to deal with their chronic diseases and promotes good health practices.

Chronic diseases, such as heart disease and diabetes, are the leading cause of death and disability in the U.S., according to the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion.

During his studies at UCF, Dorta worked at Florida Hospital East Orlando to fulfill his 420-hour service learning requirement.

Jill Davis, the director of Field Education in the UCF School of Social Work, said that during completion of their service-learning hours, students get a good idea of what it's like working in the social service field full time.

Dorta said he enjoyed his

service-learning experience because he was "able to put into practice and see firsthand the theories and teachings in class, how it really is to deal with the patients."

Dorta said his dream was to work with the Hispanic community, but he didn't know what his choices were.

While at Florida Hospital East Orlando, he met Natalia Cabrero, the project manager of a new outreach program called Cuidate.

Cuidate is a Spanish word that means "take care of yourself." While the program was designed for members of the Hispanic community, the employees are bilingual, and everyone in Central Florida is welcome to use the services provided, said Dorta, who is now the program's health coordinator.

The program was formed in April and is funded by a \$500,000 grant from the Community Health Impact Council, a subcommittee of the Florida Hospital Board tasked with developing initiatives that improve the health of the Central Florida community.

The growing Hispanic population in the Central Florida area made Orlando a perfect



From left: Cuidate Health Coordinator Michael Dorta, Project Manager Natalia Cabrero and Health Coordinator Damaris Rodriguez teach people how to deal with chronic diseases.

place to start Cuidate. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 22 percent of the metro Orlando area population is Hispanic.

In just eight months, 1,452 people have either contacted or been referred to Cuidate.

"It's a pilot program, and we have to prove our success," Dorta said.

The program's grant is for 24 months and will undergo

review before it gets renewed.

"Thirty-nine percent of the people that come to the hospital are Hispanic," Cabrero said, "and 40 percent of those have a chronic disease."

Cuidate offers three major services.

Free chronic disease self-management classes taught by licensed professionals are offered at night over a six-week

period. People with chronic diseases such as diabetes, heart disease, arthritis and lung disease can learn to eat better and control their symptoms throughout the course of the classes.

Also, individuals that qualify for Medicaid or KidCare can go to the Cuidate office and receive assistance in enrolling for those services.

"We have enrolled 124 people in Medicaid since we started," Cabrero said.

Health-care needs are as unique as each individual, and the financial burden of treating chronic illnesses can be a daunting task for those without health insurance. Cuidate works with individuals to help them find low-cost clinics and prescription medications and doctors who accept Medicaid.

"Lots of people don't know to ask doctors to write a generic prescription so they can get them at Wal-Mart or Target for

\$4," Dorta said.

The motto of Cuidate is "Tu salud esta en tus manos," which means, "Your health is in your hands."

The team at Cuidate is committed to reaching out to the community and teaching people about living a better life amid the struggles of dealing with a chronic disease. They often work during the weekends at health, business and education fairs, spreading the word about Cuidate and the free services it provides.

Cabrero said that they are always looking for volunteers to help arrange and prepare class materials, answer phones and schedule classes. Anyone interested in volunteering must go through Florida Hospital volunteer training and testing.

For more information about Cuidate, call 407-303-6495 or visit <http://www.cuidateflorida.com>.

## Success comes in many different ways

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great things."

Johnson went from one extreme to the other when he began majoring in hospitality at UCF.

"I went from learning how to shoot at people," Johnson said, "to learning how to help people."

Johnson said his experience serving in Iraq has taught him not to take his life for granted.

"When I start feeling down because I have so much school work or finals, I remind myself that there's still a war going on and that I still have buddies over there fighting," Johnson said. "I'm lucky to be here in college enjoying the comforts of home."

Johnson said he will take away from UCF the academic knowledge he has gained in order to support himself and be successful in the work place.

He said he is happy to be graduating.

"I kind of see it as a new beginning, a new chapter in my life," Johnson said. "But since I don't have UCF, something that was such a big part of my life, I'll always feel like I'm missing something."

Although Johnson soared through the sky as a paratroop-

er and marched on the front lines as an infantry man in the prestigious 82nd Airborne Unit, he's in no hurry to return to war. Instead, UCF has his heart. Johnson plans to continue his education career right here.

"I want to go to grad school and get a [master's degree] in hospitality," he said.

Michele Ross, a non-traditional student and secondary education major attending the UCF Cocoa campus, became the first Student Government Association senator from an area campus in three years.

"I think it was an awesome opportunity," Ross said. "It brought awareness to the main campus that you've got to think about the rest of the university and how to bring information to satellite campuses. There should be buses not only for football games but for other events like reading workshops and writer's conferences as well."

Ross said her time at UCF was made even more enjoyable by the awards and honors she received.

"My list of recognitions is awesome. And what was so great about it was the fact that I didn't seek it," Ross said. "I just want to make a difference."

Ross said her mother has been very supportive and that her father has had a huge influence on her passion for teaching.

"My dad has always been a great role model for classroom



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management," Ross said. "He cares about kids and makes a difference in their lives."

Ross said her age sets her apart from other graduates.

"I have good friends that are the same age as my daughter," Ross said, laughing.

As she continued, Ross spoke about how she held onto her passion for teaching after marriage and while raising her children.

"I got married young," Ross said, "but I always knew I wanted to go back to school."

As a non-traditional student, Ross didn't complete college right after high school. She took a break before finishing her associate degree and lived her life as a wife, mother and volunteer.

"Life's experiences gave me something I could bring to the table, to help younger students to see things in a different perspective," Ross said. "And I learn so much from the young ones who know what they want from life."

Ross said she was nervous at first to be in the classroom.

"When I started my junior

internship ... I didn't know how it would come together in the classroom," Ross said. "[But] I enjoyed it so much that I was confident in my senior internship."

Ross was able to find her niche through her experiences at UCF, such as volunteering, subbing and teaching.

"My confidence comes from the great program UCF provides," Ross said.

Sometimes, students' internships can lead to a full-time job offer.

Ross received a job offer from her internship at Melbourne High School. They hired her as soon as they heard she had an interview at another school.

"I was really lucky," Ross said. "Having the opportunity to teach kids who are about to graduate and go out into the world is so rewarding."

While teaching, Ross will pursue her master's degree in reading education at UCF.

"The whole Education Department is great," Ross said, "and I want to stay there for my graduate-level work."

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# Suicides high in college

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Wallace said that the number of suicides may be under-represented because suicide is not always clearly defined.

Incidents classified as accidents may actually be suicides, such as an alcohol or drug overdose or fatal car crashes involving solitary drivers, Wallace said.

Suicidal people are consciously aware of their thoughts. People can feel like they are at the "bottom of the well" and that there are "no other options," Wallace said.

But it's important for people to know that there is help. There are no truly hopeless situations, he said.

Despite suicide being the second leading cause of death among college students, people who are not in college are twice as likely to commit suicide, according to the book *College of the Overwhelmed: The Campus Mental Health Crisis and What To Do About It*, by Richard D. Kadison and Theresa Foy DiGeronimo.

Wallace said this is because college students are getting an education, which is an investment into their future. Most of the time, they know where they are going, he said.

Also, students have a larger support system. They have family, friends, roommates and faculty to talk to, whereas those outside of college have much less support.

With all the positives of the college experience, it may seem like suicide shouldn't occur on campus, but it does.

The population of college students is growing, said Cpl. James Roop, community relations office for the UCF Police Department, and that mental illness starts to come out between the ages of 17 and 26 — the typical age range for college students.

A predisposition to depression may cause some students to harbor intense feelings of worthlessness, leading them to want those feelings to end.

Feelings of loneliness can give students the idea that they are worthless. Also, desperation, stress, pressure, performance anxiety, family problems and break-ups may lead to suicide.

Either one or a combination of these feelings can cause a person to end their own life just so they can avoid the problem, Wallace said.

When finals and the end of

## QUESTION, PERSUADE, REFER

**STEP ONE** is to question. Ask in a direct way if they are feeling suicidal, and don't be afraid that you'll anger them. Be considerate of their feelings and ask during an appropriate time when you both can freely discuss their feelings. Be genuine, Wallace said.

A person who is suicidal and ready to talk about it will not shy away from help. In fact, they'll be relieved that someone is paying attention to them.

It's as if you are "throwing them a lifeline," Wallace said.

If the person is not ready to talk, don't give up. Don't force them to talk. Find another time and place, and try again.

**STEP TWO** is to persuade. Ask them to seek help.

**STEP THREE** is to refer. Around campus, numerous facilities and people are trained and available to help people in this state of mind. Go to the Counseling Center or Health Center or talk to a physician. Let your friend know that if they would like, you would accompany them or even make the first call.

a semester come, fewer students visit the Counseling Center because, "for some people, the challenge of finishing the semester may bring a more positive mood, at least in the short term, in being aware that the semester has an ending to it with a break afterward," Wallace wrote in an e-mail.

He said that the peak time for students to get help is mid-semester, around October or early November.

Since the Virginia Tech massacre in April 2007, there is "more of an awareness" of others and of potential problems, Roop said.

When the Police Department receives a phone call from friends, family or teachers about a student who is contemplating suicide, officers trained in crisis intervention are sent to assess the situation and decide the best course of action, UCF Police Officer Earl Cowan said.

The UCF PD currently has 10 to 12 officers who have been through crisis intervention training. Whenever shifts are decided, at least two officers who have been trained in crisis situations are scheduled for each shift, Roop said.

When the officers arrive at the scene, they interview the person so they can act as another judge of the situation, Roop said. He said that sometimes misunderstandings occur between people and the officer is a neutral outsider.

Those who have the warning signs of someone who would commit suicide need to be aware of the importance of telling someone, knowing that there is support and asking for help, Wallace said.

Wallace said that "suicidal thinking can be in quite a wide range ... with no intention or plan to carry through with any action, all the way to having

thoughts with a plan for suicide along with intention to carry out the plan."

The UCF PD is working with the Counseling Center, Victim Services, Housing and other on-campus organizations in an effort to prevent suicide, Roop said.

The Counseling Center has trained about 1,000 students, staff and faculty since the start of the program on campus how to catch the warning signs of suicide in a one-hour QPR course, Wallace said in an e-mail.

All 176 resident advisers have taken this program, along with additional counseling and helping courses, such as first aid and CPR, Housing's Novak said.

RAs should get to know their residents and always be available, Novak said. That way, if a resident begins to change their behavior, the RA can help identify the problem and get help.

Novak said that the training "has really helped many students get help."

The QPR program has three steps, and each one is essential to helping suicidal people.

QPR is like CPR. Just because you know it, it doesn't make you a medical expert, Novak said. But it helps people know where to start.

The Counseling Center will have a QPR-athon for Leadership Week in the spring. There will be open sessions for one day, but the exact date hasn't been set.

QPR is offered to all campus groups as well as individuals. To make an appointment, contact Dr. Teresa Michaelson-Chmelir, associate director of the Counseling Center, at 407-823-2811.

# Woman followed Ford Explorer

FROM A1

an accident, said Kim Miller, a spokeswoman for Florida Highway Patrol, in an e-mail. Miller said that Bufton was booked into the Orange County Jail.

For Bitter, the strange sequence of events started with hearing the Explorer's horn honking first, and then she saw that the car was making a wide right turn onto Science Drive from Alafaya.

"He was honking at me like he wanted me to get out of his way," she said. "He just ran into me and took off."

Bitter said that she called her boyfriend and then drove her car off the road.

"My car was still running so I thought, 'I guess I'll get out of the way,'" she said.

Tabitha Mast, a junior business management major, was

behind the Explorer on Alafaya when the driver ran into Bitter.

She said she was driving home from a study break at the Starbucks Coffee in Waterford Lakes Town Center when she saw the driver of the Explorer get into the right turning lane at the Colonial Drive intersection.

She said the light was red, but he was honking persistently at the driver in front of him. When the light turned green, Mast said the driver changed lanes in the middle of the intersection and pulled in front of her, continuing straight down Alafaya. She said he was swerving and laying on his horn, so she tried to avoid him.

"I was maintaining my distance," Mast said.

She said she was stopped behind him again at the red light at Alafaya and Science Drive, and he was laying on his horn

the entire time.

"[I was] starting to get freaked out at this point," she said.

That was when the driver made a wide right turn off Alafaya and hit Bitter's Mustang. He stopped for only a moment and then continued driving down Science Drive with sparks flying from his front-left wheel well. Mast said she followed him and called 9-1-1 as she drove. She got through to the dispatcher and notified them of the accident, but said she couldn't give them the Explorer's license plate number.

"My phone died in the middle of the call so, at that point, I abandoned my search and turned back," she said.

She went back to the intersection and waited with Bitter for Florida Highway Patrol to arrive at the scene.

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## NATIONAL SPORTS WRAP

### BOXING



#### MAYWEATHER KNOCKS OUT HATTON TO RETAIN TITLE

LAS VEGAS — Floyd Mayweather Jr. didn't need to dance to beat Ricky Hatton. His fists proved a lot more potent than his feet.

Mayweather remained unbeaten Saturday night and retained his claim to being the best pound-for-pound fighter in the world by stopping Hatton in the 10th round of a brawl that featured none of the fancy footwork the American has shown in the ring and on reality TV.

Hatton wouldn't let Mayweather move, but it didn't matter as Mayweather used precision punches to wear down the challenger for his 147-pound crown. Hatton kept trying to get inside and score points, but Mayweather had an answer for everything he did.

The end came after Mayweather landed a crushing left hook that dropped Hatton on his back in Mayweather's corner. Hatton got up at the count of eight, but Mayweather almost immediately got him on the ropes and landed another flurry of punches to the head.

Hatton went down almost on a delayed reaction, while at the same time referee Joe Cortez moved in to stop the fight and Hatton's corner threw in the towel at 1:35 of the round.

### VOLLEYBALL

#### CAL BEATS DEFENDING CHAMP NEBRASKA IN NCAA REGIONALS

MADISON, Wis. — For the defending champion Nebraska women's volleyball team, the task Saturday night was to reach a familiar goal.

For California, that same destination — a spot in the NCAA Division I national semifinals — was uncharted territory.

Nebraska, which had advanced to 10 previous national semifinals, was denied another trip and thwarted in its bid to repeat as champion.

Cal will make its first trip to the national semifinals after upsetting Nebraska 30-28, 31-29, 30-26 in a tense NCAA tournament regional final.

Cal (26-7), ranked sixth in the CSTV-American Volleyball Coaches Association poll, advances to play Penn State in a national semifinal Thursday in Sacramento, Calif.

### FOOTBALL

#### APP. STATE MAKES FINALS FOR THIRD STRAIGHT TIME

BOONE, N.C. — In a career spanning five decades with several big-name schools, Appalachian State coach Jerry Moore has seen some remarkable performances.

Moore, though, had never witnessed anything quite like the 495-yard, seven-touchdown effort by sophomore quarterback Amanti Edwards on Friday night that left the Mountaineers one win away from a record third straight national championship.

"A long time ago when I was at Nebraska, I saw Dave Humm complete 21 passes in a row and I thought that was a feat," Moore said. "But it didn't even come close to this. And that was against Kansas and Kansas was a basketball school then. Here, with all the pressure, that's something."

The day after Edwards nearly single-handedly led the Mountaineers to a 55-35 win over Richmond in the FCS — formerly Division I-AA — semifinals, the small, shifty, left-handed Edwards was still the talk of this campus in the Blue Ridge Mountains.

"He's fast. Containing him was extremely difficult," Richmond nose guard Bryan DeMoss said. "The guy can beat you with his legs just as well as he can beat you with the throw."

— ASSOCIATED PRESS

# HIT AND OLE MISS



UCF guard Mike O'Donnell runs past Ole Miss' Chris Warren toward a loose ball during the Knights' 76-67 loss to the Rebels on Saturday night at the New UCF Arena. O'Donnell finished with 11 points, but was just 2-of-12 from the field.

## Knights fall to 4-4 in loss to Rebels

BRIAN MURPHY  
Staff Writer

It was chapter three in the same old story for the UCF Men's Basketball team on Saturday night against Mississippi.

It was another gritty effort by the Knights against a quality big conference team, but when it came time to seal the deal, the Knights were left holding the bag — again.

The Knights (4-4) fought back from a 13-point deficit with nine minutes to play, but never gained the lead in their 76-67 loss to Ole Miss (7-0).

"It's real frustrating, because I thought we worked real hard in practice this week preparing for this game," UCF guard Jermaine Taylor said. "It just didn't go our way."

This loss resembled those that the Knights suffered against ranked teams Villanova and Kansas State during Thanksgiving weekend.

### SCOREBOARD

**76-67**  
Mississippi vs. UCF

Versus Villanova, the Knights trailed by three points with less than two minutes to play. They then pushed Kansas State to overtime on the next night. And against Ole Miss, the Knights trailed by one with less than three minutes to play. But in the end, UCF lost all three games.

"It's a tremendously challenging schedule," UCF head coach Kirk Speraw said. "We're fighting our tails off and coming up a little short on some of the ball games. The margin for error is slim, and we understand that."

The Knights didn't help themselves

### NEWS TO NOTE

#### KNIGHTS SPELL SUCCESS WITHOUT S-E-C

Despite being one of the nation's winningest teams over the past five seasons, the Knights are now 0-25 against teams from the powerful Southeastern Conference.

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Saturday's loss was the first for the Knights inside the New UCF Arena and snapped a 10-game home winning streak. UCF had won 11 straight home non-conference games prior to its game against Ole Miss.

#### MOD SQUAD MISFIRING

In the past three games, guard Mike O'Donnell has been off-target from the floor. During that span, he has made just 9-of-29 shots, including 5-of-16 from beyond the arc.

#### NEXT UP

The Louisiana-Lafayette Ragin' Cajuns are the Knights' next opponent. The Ragin' Cajuns are 1-4 on the year. In their most recent game, they lost to the No. 11 Tennessee Volunteers 98-70 on Nov. 30.

in the first half, as they came out slow and sluggish. The Rebels dictated the pace of the game's first five minutes and opened up a 15-6 lead. The Knights were able to cut that lead to four with about 12 minutes remaining in the first half.

But the Knights' inability to hit from the outside helped the Rebels enter halftime with a 42-32 lead. UCF was just 1-of-12 from 3-point range in the first half.

The Rebels were paced in the first

half by freshman guard Chris Warren, who had 12 points on four 3-pointers.

Warren, an Orlando native, was recruited by UCF, but he said that he didn't carry any extra incentive going into Saturday's game.

"Coach (Andy Kennedy) said 'when you got open shots, take them,'" Warren said. "And I felt comfortable when I was

PLEASE SEE **TURNOVERS** ON A9

### AUTOZONE LIBERTY BOWL



UCF running back Kevin Smith runs during the Knights' 44-25 win over Tulsa in the Conference USA Championship game on Dec. 1.

## Smith looks to make history

BRIAN MURPHY  
Staff Writer

So it has all come to this. One of the most historic seasons in UCF Football history will end on Dec. 29 at the Liberty Bowl in Memphis, Tenn.

The Conference USA Champion Knights (10-3 overall, 7-1 in C-USA) will face the sixth-place team out of the Southeastern Conference in the Mississippi State Bulldogs (7-5 overall, 4-4 in SEC).

The Knights weren't sup-

posed to be here after they won just four games in 2006 and were picked to finish third in C-USA's East Division during the preseason.

Much like the Knights, the Bulldogs have made an unexpected turnaround this year behind the leadership of head coach Sylvester Croom. They won just three games in each of the past two seasons, but put themselves in bowl contention this year with wins over Auburn, Kentucky and Alabama. Here is what to

watch in the 49th AutoZone Liberty Bowl:

#### Magic number: 181

That's the number of rushing yards that UCF's All-American running back Kevin Smith needs to become the record holder for rushing yards in a season. For most running backs, that's a lot of yards, but for Smith, that's actually seven yards fewer than his per game average. He

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## Knights face a tale of two conferences

MELISSA HEYBOER  
Editor-in-Chief

The UCF Football team accomplished a lot of feats this year.

The Knights accomplished their 10-win season, their division title and their conference championship.

They accomplished building one of the most fearful running backs in the country and one of the most potent defenses in its division.

So what else could the Knights possibly want? How about UCF's first bowl game victory.

On Dec. 29, the Knights will travel to Memphis, Tenn., to take part in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl against the Mississippi State Bulldogs. It will be just the second time that UCF has been to a bowl game. The Knights lost in the Hawaii Sheraton Bowl against Nevada two years ago.

UCF and Mississippi State have faced off one other time

### NEWS TO NOTE

**ENDING IN THE PROMISED LAND**  
Quarterback Kyle Israel rebounded from a shaky start to lead the Knights from a 3-3 record on Oct. 13 to 10-3 and Conference USA Champions on Dec. 1.

#### COWBOY UP

Running back Kevin Smith needs just 181 yards to pass Barry Sanders' single-season mark of 2,628 that he set in 1988.

in history. It was on Oct. 25, 1997, when the Knights fell to the Bulldogs 35-28.

The Bulldogs enter the game with a 7-5 overall record, and although the Knights' 10-3 season and near advantage in every statistical category may look better, there is still one aspect that separates the two teams — their respective conferences.

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# Turnovers halt comeback

FROM A8

shooting, so I just shot it.”

The Knights’ slow start was showcased no better than Taylor’s first half. He had scored 20 points in each of the past four games, but Taylor was held to just five points on 1-of-7 shooting in the first half against the Rebels.

Taylor was short on all four of his 3-point attempts and seemed to be getting frustrated near the end of the half.

Taylor said teammates told him that he was shooting the ball too hard and flat. They told him that he wasn’t putting enough arc on his shots. Taylor didn’t have to worry about arc on his first field goal attempt of the second half. Mississippi opened the half with a bad pass, which Taylor took to the opposite end for an emphatic tomahawk dunk.

“A dunk is always going to get me more energized and ready to play,” Taylor said. “If I could start every game with a dunk, I’d probably go for 30.”

Taylor scored a layup off another Rebel turnover on the Knights’ next possession, and suddenly, Ole Miss’ lead had shrunk from 10 to six in less than a minute.

The Knights got back within four points at 47-43 after another dunk by Taylor with 15:24 to play. But then the Knights went cold from the field and committed five turnovers over the next six minutes that helped the Rebels gain their biggest lead of the game at 62-49 with less than nine minutes remaining.

Some of those turnovers led to easy breakaway layups for Ole Miss, and with UCF head coach George O’Leary and quarterback Kyle Israel in attendance, Speraw related those turnovers to a football play.

“It was like throwing a sideline pass and have it intercepted and run for a touchdown,” he said. “And we did it five or six times.”

But the Knights didn’t quit. They started their best run of the evening with a 3-pointer from guard Mike O’Donnell. As soon as the ball went through the net, Speraw called a timeout and physically pulled his team into a huddle. Speraw and the school record 5,574 people in attendance were thinking the same thing: This was the start of a critical stretch for Knights.

They responded accordingly. After O’Donnell’s basket, guard Dave Noel grabbed an offensive rebound and scored. Taylor followed with a jumper from the free-throw line that made it a 62-56 score with 6:28 left.

While the Rebels couldn’t buy a bas-

ket, a layup by guard Chip Cartwright drew the Knights even closer. After a timeout, Ole Miss played 30 seconds of solid defense against UCF. But with five seconds left on the shot clock, Taylor corralled a loose ball and chucked up a 3-pointer from the left elbow with two seconds to shoot.

The ball hit nothing but net, sending the crowd into a frenzy and bringing the Knights all the way back to within one point at 62-61 with 4:39 to play.

The teams stayed separated by one point as the Knights gained possession with an opportunity to take their first lead of the game with 3:30 left. But forward Tony Davis dropped a pass from Noel, which led to an uncontested layup for Warren.

Warren forced another turnover on the Knights’ next possession and turned it into another layup. Forward Kenny Williams would seal the Rebels’ victory 40 seconds later with another steal and a ferocious two-hand slam.

Williams, Warren, center Dwayne Curtis and guard Trevor Gaskins were all averaging double figures in points coming into the game, and they all accomplished that feat. Warren led the way with 18 points.

Taylor scored a game-high 19 points, but he and O’Donnell, the Knights’ top 3-point shooters, combined to go just 4-of-16 from deep. And many of those misses came off of open shots.

“We’re not going to have too many more nights like this,” Taylor said. “We’re a good shooting team. I think everybody just has to have confidence to step in there and knock down the open shot.”

The Knights are now 0-25 versus teams from the Southeastern Conference. They are frustrated that they can’t seem to get over the hump against these marquee conference teams.

The Knights are 4-4, but know they are just a couple possessions away from probably being 6-2 or better. Yet, Speraw said he’s sure that no one expected his team to be anything different than 4-4 when they looked at the Knights’ November and December schedule.

“Are we disappointed that we’re not a little different? Sure,” he said. “... But I think a lot of people look at our record, and they didn’t think we’d beat Nevada. They didn’t think we’d beat Penn State. We’re underdogs in all those games. There’s a lot of people who think that we’d be 2-6 right now.”

The Knights’ next game is tomorrow against the Louisiana-Lafayette Ragin’ Cajuns (1-4). Tip-off is scheduled for 7 p.m. at the New UCF Arena.

# A record-breaking season

PADRICK BREWER  
Sports Editor

## SPORTS RECAP FALL 2007

From the opening of the on-campus stadium to the win over Tulsa to secure the Conference USA Championship, the UCF Football team has been on an historical ride this season.

Here are the key moments from the 2007 season:

**Smith is anointed**

The most obvious storyline from this season for the Knights is running back Kevin Smith’s emergence from solid running back to record-breaking beast.

It started with a 217-yard performance against the NC State Wolfpack, and he finished it off with a 284-yard game against West Division Champions, Tulsa.

Smith finished the regular season with 2,448 rushing yards and 29 rushing touchdowns on an NCAA single-season record 415 carries.

Smith now owns just about every rushing record at UCF. He has set the school’s career marks in rushing touchdowns, yards, and 100- and 200-yard games.

Smith’s 188.3 rushing yards per game leads the nation, and although the coaches of Conference USA voted that he was not the best offensive player in his own conference this year, he was a first-team Walter Camp All-American.

**Israel leads the way**

After splitting time with Steven Moffett at quarterback last season, Kyle Israel came into the season as the starter.

But just like last season, no one had a firm grip on the job. Though backup Michael Greco never started, he was sporadically given playing time, including the game against South Florida, in which he threw 16 passes.

Israel all but ended any ideas about a quarterback controversy when he went 21-of-29 for 224 yards and a touchdown against Tulsa on Oct. 20. He has thrown just four interceptions in the seven games since the USF loss.

**Turning point**

It was Oct. 13 in Tampa, and

remarkable comeback, catching 19 passes, his first since the 2005 season.

In all, 15 Knights caught passes this season, and six of them were freshmen.

**Protecting their Bright House**

Playing their first season in Bright House Networks Stadium, the Knights made the most of it, creating quite the home-field advantage.

UCF went 6-1 at home this year, outscoring opponents by an average margin of more than 20 points.

And it was more than just the offense that made the new stadium tough to play in.

The UCF defense recorded 26 of its 38 sacks and 13 of its 23 interceptions at home.

**Picked off**

UCF’s 23 interceptions are the most in school history.

Nine players had an interception, led by Joe Burnett’s six and Johnell Neal’s five. Neal returned one of his for a touchdown.

And while six freshmen grabbed passes on offense, five freshmen grabbed quarterbacks on defense.

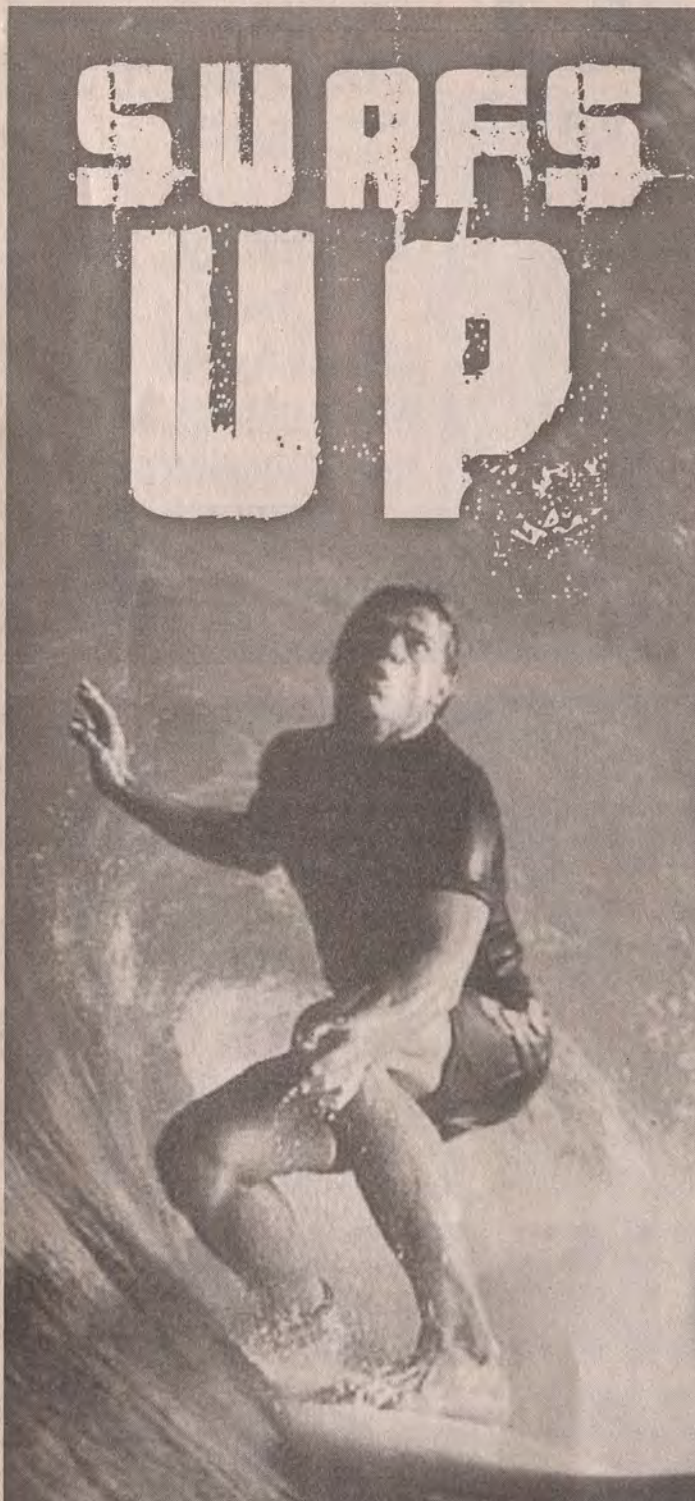
Lawrence Young, Bruce Miller, Derrick Hallman, Darin Baldwin and Darius Nall recorded sacks for the Knights, proving that pressure didn’t always have to come from the team’s sack leader Leger Douzable, who finished with 7.5 sacks.

**Looking forward**


Though the season isn’t quite over, the Knights have to feel pleased that they achieved their ultimate goal heading into this year: Winning the C-USA Championship.

UCF will have key players at pretty much every skill position returning next year, and depending on whether Smith stays, the Knights could be in a strong position to run through C-USA again next year.


The emergence of freshmen on both sides of the ball bodes well not only for success in the Liberty Bowl on Dec. 29, but for UCF’s foreseeable future as well.




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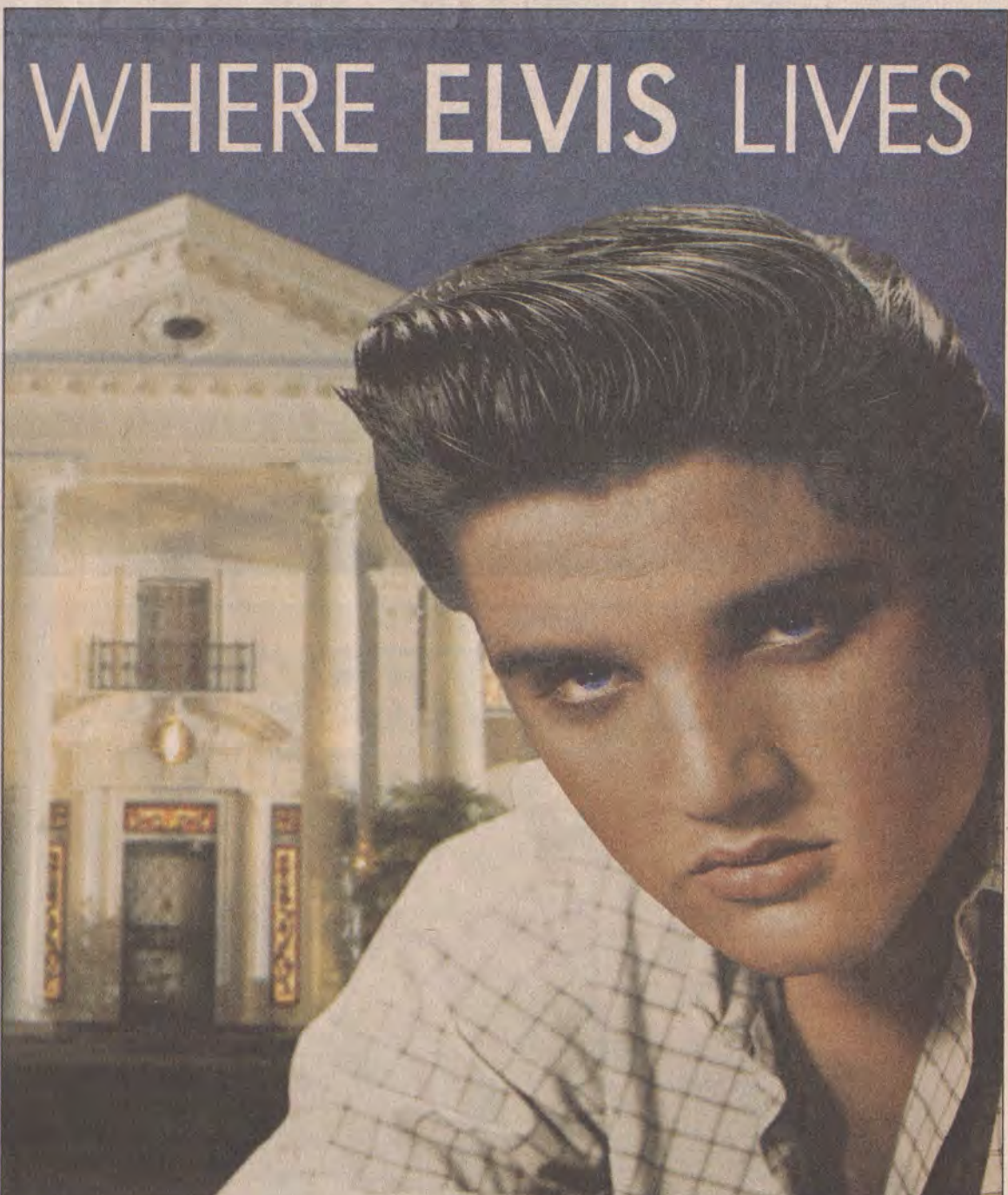
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# Men's soccer season tied to many one-goal losses

**PADRICK BREWER**  
Sports Editor

## SPORTS RECAP FALL 2007

After a decent showing in 2006, in which the UCF Men's Soccer team went 6-9-2 overall and 3-3-2 in Conference USA, the Knights had a disappointing 2007 campaign.

Before the season, the Knights' leading scorer, Zak Boggs, transferred to South Florida and perhaps their best goalkeeper, Brian Pope, was injured.

All of that combined to cause the Knights to struggle to a 4-12-2 record, going 0-6-2 in C-USA.

The story of the year for UCF was one-goal differentials.

The Knights had 12 of their 18 contests decided by one goal. Unfortunately, UCF went just 4-8 in those matches.

Time and again, the Knights looked as though they would be able to net the equalizer or pull away from an opponent, but it just never materialized.

UCF had a tendency to start slow, scoring just eight goals in the first half of matches all year. Opponents scored 16 times in the first frame, and the Knights were often battling from behind as they tried to keep the match close.

Senior goalkeeper Brian Pope missed almost the entire

season due to an injury, but that didn't mean he wasn't contributing.

Pope helped coach freshman Sean Johnson, who won the starting job in the offseason.

Johnson looked comfortable in goal, and his athleticism and talent kept the Knights in a lot of matches.

Johnson made 83 saves and had two shutouts: A win over Loyola-Marymount on Sept. 9 and a double-overtime tie against South Carolina on Nov. 4 in the penultimate match of the season.

Against the Gamecocks, a match in which the Knights managed 17 shots and just four on goal, Johnson made a season-high 10 saves.

UCF reached the high point of its season a little early, when it moved to 4-3-1 on the season with a 2-1 win over Wofford on Sept. 23.

After that win, the Knights went winless for the last month-and-a-half of their season, finishing last in C-USA and being left out of the Conference USA Championship.

During that span, the Knights faced three teams ranked in the top 25, and only No. 15 Saint Louis kept them scoreless.

UCF scored in the closing minutes to fall to No. 11 SMU 3-1 on Oct. 6, and the Knights gave No. 20 Tulsa all it could handle in a 2-1 loss on Oct. 21.

Leading the Knights on offense was midfielder/forward Ryan Roushanel, who finished with eight goals and one assist. His 17 points were tied for fourth and his eight goals were tied for second in C-USA.

UCF had just three other



UCF midfielder Ryan Roushanel fights for a ball with Kentucky's Jase Griffiths during the Knights' 3-2 loss on Oct. 17. Roushanel led the Knights in points and goals in 2007.

players aside from Roushanel to score more than one goal: forwards Mike Mattson, James Georgeff and freshman Matt Luzunaris.

UCF has a wealth of young talent. Another year of experience under the belts of freshmen Johnson, Nathaniel Jocelyn and Dustin McCarty, and sophomores Cam Jordan, Akin Akinrinade and Jamal Robinson bodes well for the Knights to come back in 2008 and not just get back to a winning record, but also compete in the Conference USA Championship.

## NEWS TO NOTE

### YOUTHFUL SERVICE

The Knights' roster featured just three seniors and four juniors and will return 10 players that started at least 10 matches this season.

### RYAN THE RIPPER

Midfielder Ryan Roushanel led UCF in almost all offensive statistics, including goals, points, shots and shots on goal. Roushanel also had the game-winning goal in three of the Knights' four wins.

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# Mississippi St. brings stout defense to bowl game

FROM A8

The Knights — a member of Conference USA — are a far cry away from facing the type of talent that Mississippi State faces in the Southeastern Conference.

Not to discredit anything the Knights have accomplished all season, but while UCF was facing the likes of SMU and Marshall, the Bulldogs were holding their own against Auburn and Arkansas.

No matter the difference in talent inside the conferences, the Knights still have arguably one of the country's best running backs in Kevin Smith.

Smith finished the regular season with 2,448 rushing yards and 29 touchdowns and

is just 181 yards away from becoming the NCAA's leading rusher in a single season, a record that is currently held by Oklahoma State's Barry Sanders.

Aside from that, Smith also leads the nation with 188.31 rushing yards per game and the most 100-yard games this year with 12.

Smith, however, has only faced a defense like Mississippi State's two other times this season, and they were both non-conference teams — Texas and South Florida.

The Bulldogs enter the game ranked 28th in the country in total defense and 65th in the country in rushing defense. The last time UCF played a defense like that, it faced USF and was held to 145

total yards. Still, Smith accounted for 100 of those yards.

You can't count out the UCF defense though.

In the second half of the season, the Knights defense become one of the most feared in the conference and one of the best in the country.

To get there, UCF did the things that mattered most. They picked up sacks for large losses and forced turnovers when teams were in the red zone.

The Knights come into this matchup averaging 2.92 sacks per game — first in their conference — and are coming off a six-sack performance in the conference championship game against Tulsa.

UCF also finished the sea-

son with eight more interceptions and three more turnovers gained than the Bulldogs.

For the Knights, those numbers are more staggering than they appear when you consider that they began the season with just three interceptions through their first six games.

Although both teams pose solid defensive threats, the Knights may have the offensive nudge. That is, if quarterback Kyle Israel can be effective in the pocket.

Israel finished the regular season with 2,085 passing yards and a 59.9 percent completion rate. Compared to Mississippi State quarterback Wesley Carroll, those numbers are impressive.

Carroll finished the season

with 1,353 yards and a 53.2 percent completion rate.

Israel and the Knights finished at the bottom of the conference in passing offense while the Bulldogs finished 11th out of its 12-team conference.

Those numbers are OK for UCF head coach George O'Leary, however, who said in a press conference earlier this season that a quarterback is judged on his efficiency; whether or not they can move the chains.

After the 64-12 loss to USF midway through the season, Israel got the wake-up call he needed, and has proven to be an efficient quarterback and an effective leader since then.

On paper, the Knights and the Bulldogs look like a match

made in heaven — a great Conference USA team meeting a mediocre SEC team.

For Mississippi State, this game is just another win or loss to add to their record book. The Bulldogs have nothing to lose.

For the Knights, however, this game is about more than making UCF history. It's about proving that the Knights can hang with teams outside their conference. It's about proving they have arrived as a big-time football team.

The UCF Football team, and thousands of traveling UCF faithful will be ready to make their statement known to the city of Memphis and the college football nation Dec. 29.

Kickoff is set for 4:30 p.m., eastern time.



UCF quarterback Kyle Israel runs during the Knights' 44-25 win over Tulsa in the Conference USA Championship on Dec. 1. With the win, the Knights moved on to a bowl game for the second time in school history and will face Mississippi State on Dec. 29 in the Liberty Bowl.

## Bulldogs' O needs work

FROM A8

has run for at least 181 yards in four of his last five games.

He'll face one of his toughest tests this season in a Bulldogs defense that's pretty good against the run. They are known more for their pass defense, which is ranked 10th in the nation and allowing only 182 passing yards per game. But Mississippi State held the nation's second-leading rusher, Tulane's Matt Forte, and Heisman runner-up Darren McFadden to less than 100 yards this year.

The most rushing yards that the Bulldogs have allowed to one player in a game this year is 139 to Tennessee's Arian Foster on Oct. 13. So, Smith and his offensive line will have their work cut out for them, but they have produced all year. There is no reason why that would drastically change now.

### An offense that depends on defense

When the Bulldogs defeated Auburn, Kentucky and Alabama, they held each team to 14 or fewer. That was the Bulldogs' only chance at victory as their offense is statistically weak.

A lot has been said about the ineffectiveness of the Knights' passing game and the fact that they luckily don't need to depend on it because of Smith's success.

But Mississippi's State's passing offense is worse than UCF's. The Bulldogs' air attack, which is ranked 108th in the country, had no stability for the first half of the season.

Michael Henig started the season under center for the Bulldogs, but broke a bone in his right hand during the third game of the season.

The team spent the next couple of games looking at Josh Riddell and Wesley Carroll to be their next top quarterback. Carroll outperformed Riddell and became the Bulldogs' No. 1 quarterback for the season's final six games.

Carroll, a true freshman, started out well, but he has thrown six interceptions to

go with only five touchdowns in the past three games. In that span, Carroll completed just 51 percent of his passes. Also, he has thrown for more than 210 yards just once all season.

Carroll may find trouble against a UCF defense that has picked off 20 passes in its past seven games. Cornerback Johnell Neal has intercepted five of those passes while cornerback Joe Burnett and safety Sha'reff Rashad each have four interceptions in that span.

### Bulldogs don't run very fast

When Mississippi State goes to the ground, it has a steady but not spectacular running back sophomore Anthony Dixon.

Dixon started the season very strong, tallying 694 rushing yards and 10 touchdowns. But he seems to have worn down as the season has progressed.

He hasn't reached the 100-yard plateau in the past five games and had his lowest output of the year in the Bulldogs' regular season finale versus Mississippi with just 26 rushing yards.

Mississippi's rush defense is ranked 102nd in the nation. In comparison, UCF is ranked 38th. The Knights' rush defense, headed by defensive ends Leger Douzable and Bruce Miller along with linebackers Chance Henderson and Derrick Hallman, hasn't allowed a 100-yard rusher in its past five games.

### Final words

This is not a flashy matchup.

Mississippi State is not Arkansas with McFadden, Kentucky with quarterback Andre Woodson, or Alabama with head coach Nick Saban and a boatload of history.

Outside of Smith, there is no figure that draws you to this game. But on the positive side for UCF, it's probably the most winnable game for the Knights out of those four possibilities.

No matter what happens, relish the fact that the Knights have accomplished their ultimate goal in becom-

ing conference champions. A bowl victory would just be the icing on the cake — although that would be some very valuable icing with the winner's purse estimated at \$1.5 million.

But while you are watching Smith run for history on Dec. 29, don't forget that you could be watching him for the final time in a UCF uniform.

He has set basically every rushing record in UCF history as a junior. He has been recognized as one of the best running backs in the nation. In three years, he has been to two conference title games and has won one of them. Outside of UCF going undefeated and earning an at-large bid into a BCS bowl game, a conference title is the top of the mountain for any team in Conference USA.

He could come back to school to try and improve his draft stock, but what else does he have left to prove? The odds of Smith getting through another season with 350 to 400 carries without a major injury seems slim. It seems as if it would be hard for any running back to raise their stock after a season in which he gained nearly 3,000 total yards and scored more than 30 total touchdowns. As ESPN analyst Lee Corso said in a newspaper article last week about Smith, "He has nowhere to go but down from here."

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## OUR STANCE

## Tuition hike could help — but it won't

The 5 percent tuition increase does not sit well with many around campus. It would probably sit better if the money was actually being used for good, such as assisting financial aid.

An expected \$9 million will be raised by the tuition increase for use in colleges in Florida. This is assuming that the increase is even around long enough to gather the money, as the legality of its very existence is being questioned in court.

Assuming that the increase stays, there is no doubt it will be jeered by almost everyone who has to pay it. Not a single person on campus really wants to dish out any more money each semester than absolutely necessary.

We are already the best value for an education in the state of Florida, and most would like to keep it that way.

That being said, if we are forced to pay more per semester, the least the Board of Governors can do is make sure the money is going toward something that will help not only the school but society in general.

The large majority of the money raised by the increase should go to bolster the need-based financial aid systems in place at various state colleges.

Instead, only about \$2 million of that \$9 million will be going to

help others in need around the state.

Financial aid is a huge benefit for so many students at UCF. For some students, it is the only way they can ever have a chance to go to college and further their lives through higher education.

In a perfect world, especially now that tuition will be going up for everyone, the increased monetary income would be used as a communal assistance for those in need, ultimately benefiting more people in society.

A system like that begins to creep toward that dreaded "S-word" that so many politicians are tossing around these days.

Yes, the feared "socialism" mindset of everyone contributing to help those in need. We apologize for anyone who had to put down this newspaper in horror.

We are not saying that an all-out socialistic system for college would be a good thing. What we are suggesting is that the money collected from the increase be used for the financial assistance of those who have the mental ability to come to UCF, but not the monetary ability.

Unfortunately, the 5 percent tuition increase is not being implemented out of the kindness of anyone's heart. It is not any sort of attempt to help people. No, it is a hasty response to chaos in the Florida capital.

The rising tuition we all will pay is a backlash effect of the state Legislature's decision to slash the budget for state colleges this year. We are essentially trying to play catch-up for losses already being seen.

It is understandable and beneficial that some of the money should be going to help with other things, mainly maintaining a healthy number of available classes for students. One only needs to look at the derogatory acronyms that UCF has had in the past to see that class numbers and selection can become an issue.

We are not saying that no money at all should be used for other improvements; we are saying that financial aid should take precedent. It's hard for someone to worry about getting the right number of classes to graduate if they can't even afford to come here in the first place.

What should not be happening is the continued use of this money as a crutch. The more that tuition increases, the more the state can back off their normal funding.

The tuition increase leaves a bitter taste in the mouth of all affected by it. If we are indeed going to be forced to pay more, that money should be used for the overall good.

Like Karl Marx said, "From each according to his abilities, to each according to his needs."



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## READER VIEWS

## Proper preparation can prevent robbery

This is in response to Kurt Schultze's letter to the editor entitled "Student is fed up with rise of local crime."

I have a couple of questions for Mr. Schultze. Have you really been robbed four times? What were you doing keeping \$3,500 worth of valuables in your apartment?

I have never been robbed in my entire life. I don't even know anyone who has been randomly victimized by such an event. I find it incredibly hard to believe that it is purely coincidence that you have experienced this FOUR times.

Do you lock your doors and windows? Do you keep your blinds closed? Do you have an alarm system? Do you take the necessary steps to make sure no one can break into your apartment? With all of the crimes that go on here, I do everything I can to make sure I do not become a victim.

I am tired of hearing about all of these "random" robberies around UCF. I think most people are just careless and don't lock their doors and windows. They leave their valuables in plain sight, or they have a party and invite people they don't know into their homes to survey their belongings.

Let's revisit the \$3,500 worth of stuff that was stolen. I wouldn't keep anything in my apartment that I couldn't easily replace, and I certainly wouldn't keep anything valuable, except my laptop. We are at college, not safe in our homes in suburbia. Expect for things to get broken, to get lent out and never returned, and to get taken by a bad roommate or his untrustworthy friend.

Please do not blame the police for your carelessness. They have more important things to worry about than your project that was saved on your computer. As a digital media major, shouldn't you know to have your work saved in more than one place? Be thankful that you were not hurt, and learn from your experiences.

Let's all be smart and safe. Things like this don't need to be happening to anyone. Take the necessary precautions to keep your apartment unavailable to crimi-

nals, especially over the holiday break.

CAITLIN CARRIER  
ACCOUNTING JUNIOR

## Hitt's salary doesn't hurt other budgets

*Editor's note: this letter is in response to the Reader Views' letter, "Parent worries how UCF funds are spent," printed Dec. 5, 2007.*

Bob [Crouch], while I agree with certain sentiments you share, such as attempting to narrow the gap between the student-faculty ratio, some of your shots are simply unfounded.

You mention President John Hitt's salary as though it should be decreased in exchange for more faculty on campus, in hopes that UCF would then become more than a third-tier school.

What you fail to realize is that President Hitt has earned the money he makes, and UCF would not even be a "third-tier school" (keep in mind there is no second tier). What Hitt has managed to accomplish in his years at UCF is nothing short of incredible, and rest assured he is doing everything in his power to narrow the gap in this issue.

Next you took a VERY improper shot at the amount of money that is spent on football. If you had done research prior to going on your rant about how much money is spent on athletics, you would realize that the salaries of these coaches, as well as the cost of the new facilities has been paid for by boosters. These aren't state funds, not taxpayer dollars, etc. The UCF Athletics Association is its own entity within the UCF community and handles all of those finances on its own.

Perhaps you could make the argument that more concerned parents should donate money to academics as opposed to athletics, but who are we to tell others where to spread their charity? If we are so concerned with student-faculty ratios, perhaps we should start with blaming the Florida Legislature for doing a dreadful job of managing and distributing funding, as opposed to taking pot shots at one of the best university presidents in the USA, and an up-and-exciting, up-and-coming athletics program.

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## No cold shoulder for polar bears

Nanook, ice bear, white bear-ursus maritimus. These names are probably meaningless to you; almost as meaningless as the name "polar bear" is to our national government and the everyday Joe on the street.

You may say, "Yeah, OK, we get it already. The polar bear is in trouble, but don't worry, everything will work itself out." This apathetic response from the citizens of this world is beyond heartbreaking. It's unacceptable.

There are many reasons why people act this way: denial, fear, helplessness or maybe just a sheer lack of care about the world. "Out of sight, out of mind" is, after all, a powerful force. Who has time to think of the extinction of a 250,000-year-old species of bear?

Let's make something clear here. The entire extinction of a species in our lifetime is a major landmark of societal failure. These bears are on the verge of becoming the next dinosaurs. The polar bears will be extinct unless people begin to understand what is happening and take action.

So what exactly is going on with the polar bears? Where did we go wrong?

Well, let's look at the facts. Three main things are killing the polar bear: climate change, pollution and oil development.

Climate change, due to pollution and the warming of the atmosphere from greenhouse gases, is melting the Arctic ice. Without the ice, the bears are forced onto land and must remain there, living on stored body fat. After a while, they use all that fat, and they either die or are forced to take to the waters to swim in search of seals — their main food source.

With the ice sheets melting, the sea level is rising. Time estimated that, if the present warm-

ing trends continue, the sea level will rise from 4 to 8 inches in the 20th century to 19 to 37 inches in the 21st century. Although good swimmers, the polar bears will not be able to survive without the ice sheets because that's where they rest, feed and breed.

Also, pollution from man-made industries is seeping into the rivers that run northward to the Arctic and is also carried by the wind and ocean currents.

According to the World Conservation Union Polar Bear Specialist Group, pollutants are being found in polar bears. The results of exposure to human pollutants are a lowered immune system and increased risk for disease and death.

So, with all of this going on right under our noses, where is the public fear for the survival of this majestic bear? Is it the government's fault?

Political agendas seem to be brooding in the background, hovering over the blatant degradation of the species and snuffing out progress toward protecting it.

One example of politics gone awry is the nonsense of the classification system.

The International Union for the Conservation of Nature classifies the species as vulnerable. U.S. Fish and Wildlife has proposed that the polar bear be listed as a threatened species. The Center for Biological Diversity advocates listing polar bears as endangered. Russia and Canada currently list the bear as a species of special concern.

Why all this indecision? Why must we wait years for our supposed environmental watchdog agencies to crown a species with a certain name in order to properly protect it?

Something should be done to bring about the decisive classification of polar bears once and for all.

Enter factor number three: oil

development.

Could it be that a genuine plan to protect and conserve the polar bears would interfere with government plans of oil and gas development in the very areas where polar bears thrive?

Oil development in the Arctic poses a great threat to the bears due to the risk of oil spills. The oil could be absorbed into the bears' fur and ingested when they groom themselves. The IUCN/PBS reports that this leads to kidney failure, digestive system disorder and brain damage; all of which ultimately results in death.

In addition, disturbing their isolated and pristine habitat with large ship trafficking and drilling noises could create anxiety in the bears and lead them to act irrationally out of fear.

These bears and their peaceful world are one of the last, untouched, natural beauties, but the worlds' drive for progress and need to conquer every inch of the earth seems bent on taking that away.

This is a loss not only to the polar bear but to our society as well. Why are we heartlessly eliminating a species that every generation before us managed to keep alive?

We need to replace these killing factors, this disingenuousness, with one united environmental ethic. A call for the return of genuine concern for living creatures will allow us to preserve the polar bear and other threatened species that are not meant to be tamed or overtaken because of us.

We must remember our place and remain humble in a vast and diversified world where humans are not the only ones trying to find a little peace of mind.

Polar bears have a basic, inherent right to exist, and we, as caring individuals, have a duty to protect that right.

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Monday puzzle: Easy level

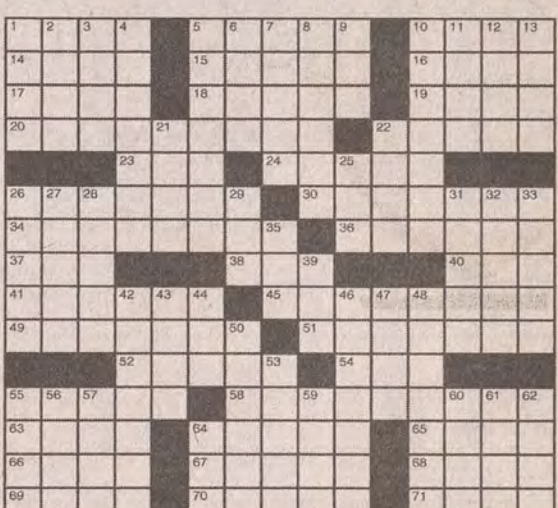
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Last issue solved

47 Queue  
48 Ancient period  
50 Actor Christian  
53 Cursed  
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56 the line (obeyed)  
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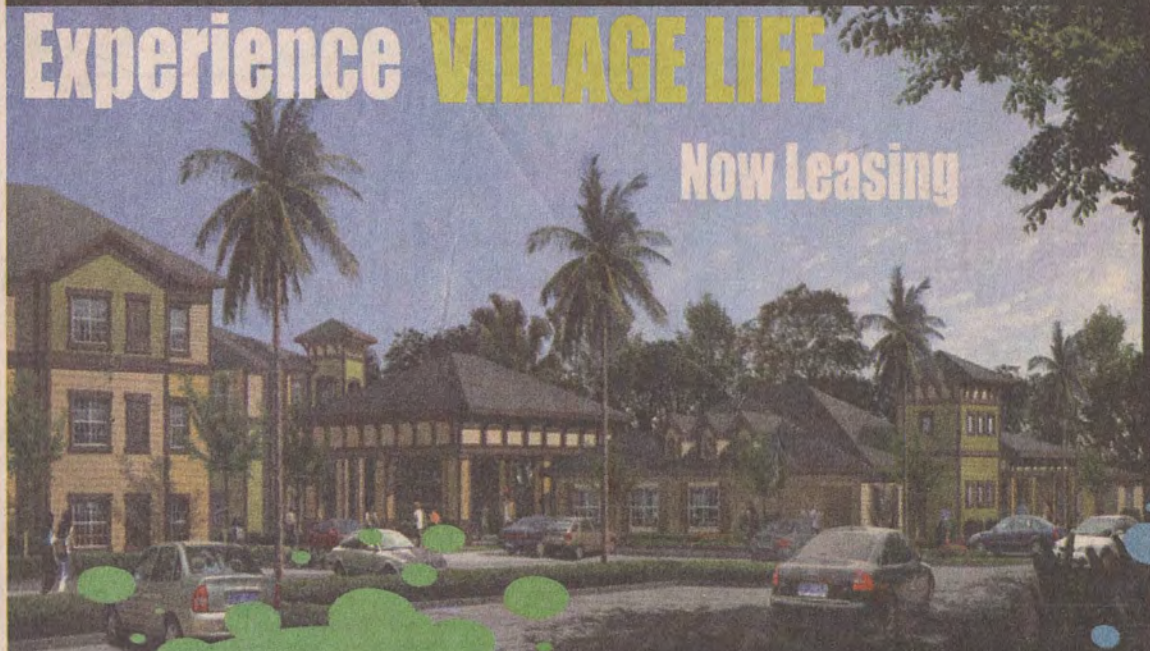


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